

REMARKS

Claims 1 – 22 are pending in the above-identified application. Claims 1, 4 – 12, and 15 – 22 have been provisionally rejected on the ground of nonstatutory double patenting over claims 61, 62, and 69 of U.S. Patent Application No. 10/436,340 (“the ‘340 application”). Claims 2, 3, 13, and 14 have been provisionally rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as allegedly being unpatentable over claims 61, 62, and 69 of the ‘340 application.

Applicants have overcome the provisional double-patenting rejections with the terminal disclaimer submitted herewith. Applicants do not agree with the Examiner's comments regarding the alleged obviousness of various claimed features. However, the filing of the terminal disclaimer obviates the need for further discussion regarding these Examiner comments.

In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicants submit that this application should be allowed and the case passed to issue. If there are any questions regarding this Reply or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated to expedite the prosecution of the application.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper,

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including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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